

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and expend Funds in the form of a Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) for use in the City of Lowell Recycling Program administered through the Department of Public Works.

The City of Lowell will receive Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars as the SW&R office applied to MassDEP, under the category of Drop-off Collection Equipment; anticipating the need of a compactor for the resident drop-off Single-Stream Recycling (SSR) roll-off container, at DPW.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars on behalf of the City of Lowell, from the Department of Environmental Protection Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) grant, to purchase a compactor for the residential drop-off Single-Stream Recycling (SSR) roll-off container at the Department of Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager is authorized to execute the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Standard Contract form and any other documents necessary for the acceptance and expenditure of said grant funds on behalf of the City of Lowell.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager

FROM: Gunther Wellenstein, Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator

VIA: Ralph Snow P.E., DPW Commissioner *RS*

DATE: May 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Apply, Accept, Expend MassDEP grant

MassDEP has awarded the City of Lowell a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) Grant, valued at up to \$7,500.

The SW&R Office applied to MassDEP, under the category of Drop-off Collection Equipment; anticipating the need of a 'compactor' for the resident drop-off Single-Stream Recycling (SSR) roll-off container, at DPW.

Currently, the SSR roll-off is hauled, to Billerica, three (3) times a week, at a cost of \$200 each trip. That equates to \$2,400 every month.

Waste Management estimates that a 'compactor' unit, of equivalent volume, would only need to be emptied once every week and a half; resulting in only three or four trips per month. Fewer trips provides a \$1,600 savings per month... a reduction of over \$19,000 per year!

While the actual costs of site prep, concrete pad install, electrical connection and outright purchase of the 'compactor' [with 5 yr service plan] would amount to \$12,000; the balance of \$4,500 (after the \$7,500 DEP grant) would be charged to FY19 grant account containing sufficient funds.

Kindly place this matter before the City Council, to Apply, Accept and Expend this grant award of \$7,500, at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this information.